

The Catholic Community of San Agustín

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December 17, 2023

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PARISH MINISTRIES

Youth Faith Formation:

Janine Snyder, Coordinator

Primary Grades/Sac Prep: Tue, 3:30-5pm

High School Confirmation: Sun, 6:30-8pm

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA):

Contact Parish Office

Baptismal Preparation: (Contact Parish Office)

John and Janine Dunn

Funerals: Contact Parish Office

Weddings: Contact Parish Office

Engaged Encounter (Marriage Preparation):

Stephen & Melissa Walpole

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Debbie LaCapria

Meal Ministry: Debra VanBruggen

Liturgical Ministries: Contact Parish Office

Hospitality : Contact Parish Office

Finance Council: Lisa Bustichi, Chairperson

Altar Society: Helena Carvalheira, President

Society of St. Vincent de Paul:

Simon Hayward, President

Pantry Hours - Wednesdays 10am—1pm

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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday - Friday

10:00am - 3:00pm

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST

Saturdays at 5:00pm

Sundays at 8:00am & 10:00am

(Live stream during 8:00am Mass)

Weekday Mass

Wed/Thu/Fri at 9:00am

(In the Chapel/Meeting Room)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays at 4:00pm

WELCOME! Our warmest welcome to all who celebrate with us, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the parish. We thank God for you! If you are not registered, or if you have a registration update, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket, drop or mail to our parish office. You may also visit our parish website and complete our on-line registration form there.

Adult Name #1: _____ Cell Ph: _____ Email: _____

Adult Name #2: _____ Cell Ph: _____ Email: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ Zip: _____ Home Ph: _____

Names & Ages (DOB) of Children Living at Home: _____

- ☐ New Parishioner
- ☐ New Address
- ☐ New phone or email
- ☐ Moving, remove from list
- ☐ Request Sunday Offertory Envelopes
- ☐ Request Electronic Tithing Info
- ☐ Add to "Flock Note" Text Updates/Reminders

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. 12/16 5pm	Rem. of Pellegrino & Elena Gregori+ By: Harvey & Irene Bustichi
Sun. 12/17 8am	Rem. of Howard Lucketti+ By: Paula Kiaski Rem. of Ernie Avelar+ By: Mary Lou Mays Avelar
Wed. 12/20 9am	Spec. Int. for Marguerite Miller By: Yvonne Siko

GOSPEL MEDITATION

Dec 17th, 3rd Sunday of Advent

Why do we believe in Jesus and the Catholic Church? Why should we continue to do so? We've never seen him face-to-face (at least not most of us, I assume). Most of us have never had mystical visions of angels or saints. We live in the same world as our atheist and secularists friends. Why do we believe in Christ if we've never seen him?

The simple, symbolic answer the Gospel presents to us this week might surprise us: we believe because of John the Baptist. Early in John's Gospel we hear: **"There was a man sent from God, his name was John. He came for testimony, to bear witness to the light, that all might believe through him."** The Baptist powerfully announces Jesus. This is a historical fact, and it is also now a *pattern* at work in our lives.

John the Baptist stands for the entirety of the old covenant, everything entrusted to the Jewish people. And yet he prophetically opens the door to something entirely new in Jesus, to the revival and fulfillment of God's promises. In every generation, and in every human life, God continues to do this. He has done it through people named Augustine, Francis, Catherine, Theresa, and countless others. In my life, the Baptist's spirit has come through persons named Eric, Paul, Mary, and Ron. I challenge you to name at least three people through whom God has announced the coming of Jesus in your life. Consciously thank God for their testimony. And let's commit ourselves to listening to the spirit of John the Baptist testify again this week so that we might more strongly believe in the light.

— Father John Mui

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THIS WEEK'S ACTIVITIES

Sunday:	December 17, 2023 8:00am Mass 10:00am Mass w/Children's LOW Sorting of Gifts after 10am Mass
Monday:	
Tuesday:	3:30-5pm Primary Grade Faith Formation 7:00pm "Nine Lessons & Carols" at Community Covenant Church
Wednesday:	9:00am Mass 10:00am - 1:00pm SVdP Pantry
Thursday:	9:00am Mass
Friday:	9:00am Mass 10:00am Rehearsal for Gospel Drama
Saturday:	4:00-4:30pm Reconciliation 5:00pm Mass

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Sunday:	Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/Lk 1:46-48, 49-50, 53-54 (Is 61:10b)/ 1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28
Monday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19/ Mt 1:18-25
Tuesday:	Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17/Lk 1:5-25
Wednesday:	Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 1:26-38
Thursday:	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21/Lk 1:39-45
Friday:	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56
Saturday:	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE ILL

Randy Brown	Ron Leimbach
Davia Clayton	Marie Mungai
Luciano Cruz	Liliana Musetti
Bob & Bobbie Dolton	Khanh Van Obrecht
Mel & Terry Eberly	Nita Pichetti
Ryan Flynn	Gay Pollock
Linda Giusti	Karlene & Ralph Reyes
Barbara Gurney	Ted Sakouri
Bill & Nancy Haver	Jeff Sanders
Patrick Hennessey	Charmaine Stello
John Humphries	Connie Sutton
Jackie Jones	Larry Thompson
Linda Kolm	Steve Walpole, Sr.



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TOGETHER PRESENT.....



TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19TH AT 7PM

THIS YEAR'S HOST IS:

**COMMUNITY COVENANT CHURCH
(2700 EL RANCHO DR, SCOTTS VALLEY)**

THE EVENING INCLUDES SCRIPTURE READINGS, SINGING OF
TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND LASTS ABOUT AN HOUR.
A RECEPTION WITH REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWS.
WE HOPE YOU WILL JOIN IN THIS WONDERFUL,
FESTIVE, COLLABORATIVE EVENT.



**CHRISTMAS EVE
NATIVITY
GOSPEL DRAMA**

December 24th at 4pm Mass

Reminder....

Rehearsal for those participating is
Friday, December 22nd at 10am



***San Agustin Advent Project*
The Giving Tree**



Gifts are due back this weekend and will be
sorted after the 10am Mass Dec. 17th!
All are welcome to help!

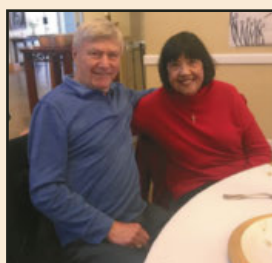


4th Sunday of ADVENT
Sat. Dec 23rd, 5:00pm Mass
Sun. Dec 24th, 9:00am Mass (only)

Christmas Eve - Sun. Dec 24th
4:00pm Mass with Children's
Nativity Gospel Drama
9:00pm Mass

Christmas Day - Mon. Dec 25th
9:00am Mass

**Altar Society Christmas Luncheon
December 8, 2023**



***SVdP*
HOLIDAY UPDATE**



It is that time of year again when the need is greater and
we serve many more families at our weekly pantry.

There is a **SPECIAL COLLECTION** scheduled at the
end of December (30th-31st) for the 5th Sunday.
Any donations that could be made sooner rather than
later would help those in need for Christmas.

Many Thanks
God Bless You All!



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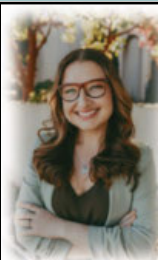


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